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Beard to Call Key Officials In Probe of 'Stealth' Leaks

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The senior Republican on a House Armed Services subcommittee says he will seek the testimony of the top aides to the president's National Security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and Defense Secretary Harold Brown about rumors surrounding "Stealth" technology leaks.

Rep. Robin Beard, R-Tenn., said that he has no evidence linking the two aides to the leaks but wants to investigate "rumors and many comments."

He said there have been reports of a memo to Brown purporting to advocate leaking the information

for President Carter's political gain.

"I do not have any substantial evidence to support these allegations," Beard said.

Beard said that he will ask the investigating subcommittee to call David L. Aaron, deputy to Brzezinski, and Peter Hamilton, a special assistant to Brown, to testify on the issue.

A White House spokesman last night insisted that there was no such memo.

"I'll give you a flat denial on that," the spokesman said. "It's hard to escape the feeling that they are pursuing this matter as a conscious political distortion."

Thomas Ross, a spokesman for Brown, also denied knowledge of any such memo. "There was no such memo," he said.

In the meantime, Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., said he wants to broaden the Senate Intelligence Committee's investigation into the Stealth leaks to other intelligence leaks from the NSC as well.

"These leaks are too much," Wallop said.

Wallop said he was concerned about a report in the current issue of New York magazine that quotes a "staff member of the National Security Council" as saying that since January 1980 the United States has been providing communications equipment and technical advisers to China under the terms of a secret, unofficial agreement.

The report says that in exchange for the equipment and advisers, the United States is getting Chinese intelligence about Soviet activities and that the monitoring posts on the Sino-Soviet border have become crucial to U.S. operations because of the loss of listening posts in Iran.

The magazine story said the statements of U.S. officials were sparked "by Ronald Reagan's recent pro-Taiwan comments, which have upset the Chinese."

Separate investigations in the House and Senate into leaks began two weeks ago as Republicans charged that the Carter administration was leaking information on the Stealth technology to demonstrate the wisdom of Carter's decision not to go ahead with the B-1 bomber.

Stealth technology reportedly "hides" a bomber from an enemy's radar screen.

Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., said he is concerned that there appears to be a pattern in the intelligence leaks which, he said, may be politically motivated. If this were true, Baker said, it would be unpatriotic. Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y., said he also is concerned about some of the leaks.